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RECEIPTIONS.

MRS. GRANT'S RECEIPTIONS.

We are authorized to inform you that the Tuesday afternoon receptions of Mrs. Grant will be discontinued until further notice.

SPEAKER BLAINE'S RECEIPTIONS.

SPEAKER BLAINE's next reception will be on Friday evening, March 19th, from 9 to 11 o'clock.

SENATOR SCHURZ OF THE GEORGIA BILL.

Among all the speeches which have been made in Congress on the Georgia bill, now under consideration, we have seen none that evince a more comprehensive view of the case than that of Senator Schurz, which may be said to run in harmony with the principle involved in the Bingham amendment. It is a clear, compact logical resume of the argument which recognizes the authority of the constitution of Georgia, and the validity of the laws, based upon those common and well recognized principles of law and rules of construction, which govern in all the States, on the questions at issue. The conclusions that he arrives at certainly seem to us to be reasonable and just, and ought to be clear to the comprehension of every one who is disposed to be honest and fair.

We are glad to see the Senator stand on his own ground, and to argue this question from his own stand-point, without attempting to follow in the groove of other Senators thoughts. Indeed there is no necessity for this with the Senator. He is fully competent to comprehend all subjects which come before this high forum of American thought—no matter, whether in politics or morals—reaching the highest domain of statesmanship. The speech under consideration, as well as most of his public efforts of this kind shows this, and but adds evidence to the force of his genius, the acuteness of his mind, the strength of his mental resources, and the force and breadth of his ideas.

The Difference between an Indian and a White Man.

There are members of Congress who have voted away \$84,000,000 acres of the nation's land as a bonus to white men to build railroads, and in order that they might raise the necessary money to do it have endorsed bonds to the extent of about \$100,000,000. We do not here question the policy or justice of this. We merely wish to show the contrast between the white man and the Indian as exhibited by the action of the Government.

The Cherokees, a highly civilized nation, desire to build a railroad through their country. They do not ask for an appropriation of lands or a subsidy of money to get them. They know it is useless. To get money they agree to sell to the United States nearly three-fourths of their territory that they may develop and improve the remainder, and make it worthier their advanced condition. The Government needs the land to settle other Indians on it until it is paid for. As usual in its contracts with Indians, the Government disregards its pledges. It puts Indians on the land without paying for it, and only friendly Indians as bound by treaty, but unfriendly tribes.

The President is authorized by treaty to fix the price to be paid for the purchased territory, and fixes it at \$3,500,000, the principal amount of seventeen cents per acre—not one tenth its value. Yet the attempt is making to cheat the Cherokees out of this. A bill is introduced to pay them \$2,000,000 instead of the price agreed upon, and this under such restrictions as to prevent it being of any service in building railroads or developing their country. An ex-Secretary of the Interior is the author and sponsor of this bill, and is urging it through the Senate.

White men want to build railroads through the Indian territory. That is reason enough for some people to prevent the Indians from doing it. Must the people of the nation be taxed still further to pay white men to build roads when the civilized Indians are anxious to build them at their own expense, without asking for an acre of land or a cent of subsidy?

Supervisor J. A. BRIDGELAND, of Texas, arrived here yesterday on business connected with the Internal Revenue Bureau. He reports that there is scarcely a single distiller in the whole State working under the revenue laws, and that for some time past he has been actually engaged in breaking up illicit distillation. With the assistance of a company of the 4th United States cavalry, under the command of Lieutenant Wm. U. Baylies (who, by the way, is a Washington boy), he has taken possession of thirty-four stills, and destroyed 1,200 gallons of peach brandy and low wine. A number of revenue officers, implicated in defrauding the revenue, have been arrested and are now in the custody of Gen. Reynolds. Among them is Gen. Horatio Broughton, formerly assessor of the Fourth Texas district, who received whisky in payment of the Government tax, and he has been indicted on the charge of defrauding the revenue. A number of the distillers arrested have deposited money and forwarded papers to the Commissioner, making that a compromise may be made. Under the new State government Supervisor Bridgeland anticipates a better order of things. He says that his territory is as large as that of the New England States and New York, and in the seven thousand miles traversed by him, not more than one thousand miles was accomplished by rail. He will propose a plan to the Commissioner to increase the efficiency of the internal revenue service in that portion of the country.

The Troubles in North Carolina.—Gov. Holden, of North Carolina, has written to the President urging him to issue a proclamation suspending the writ of habeas corpus in that State; and in a telegram to one of the United States Senators from there says: "We have federal troops, but we want power to act. Is it possible the Government will stand up its royal people to be whipped and hanged? The habeas corpus should be at once suspended."

Confirmations Yesterday.

The Senate, in executive session yesterday, confirmed the following appointments:

CHARLES E. BROWN, of Ohio, Aaron Poor, of Navasota, Texas; T. M. Campbell, of Roanoke, Va.

George H. Baker stands confirmed as Comptroller General. After reconsidering the motion, the committee decided adversely.

PROMOTIONS IN THE NAVY.

Commodore John A. Winslow, to be Rear Admiral; Captain James S. Strong, Commander; Captain A. C. Bell, Commander; Lieutenant Commander Jos. N. Miller, Commander; Lieutenant Gustavus V. Menzie, Lieutenant Commander Capt. James M. Fraley, Commodore; Commander George D. Lowe, Commander; Lieutenant Edward A. Keyser, Lieutenant Commander; Lieutenant Thomas Nelson, Lieutenant DeWitt C. Keels, Lieutenant Commander; Captain F. J. McFarlin, Lieutenant Commander.

The following First Assistant Engineers to Chief Engineers: G. J. Berry, N. B. Little, W. G. Bishop, H. N. Jones, Jefferson Young, C. G. Simpson, Jos. Purdy Jr., H. L. Lovell, C. C. Ayer, and John L. Lovell.

The following Second Assistant Engineers to First Assistant Engineers: W. H. Bas, John P. Kelley, R. H. Hines, J. Lawes, B. F. Wood, Jno. Van Haagen, J. Lawes, B. F. Wood, G. C. Gowling, W. H. Robinson, A. J. Hayes, C. H. Greenleaf, Wm. L. Nicol, W. L. Lovell, and C. C. Ayer.

John C. Grinnell, George J. McConnel, George H. Hall, T. M. Jones, James Estwin, John A. Scott, John Forsake, H. D. Potter, Abram Parker, Jr., R. L. Smith, W. L. Lovell, and C. C. Ayer.

John W. Hough, Theodore Conner, J. G. Chaffee, L. H. Harvey, B. L. Webb, Edward A. Magee, Arthur Price, J. H. Chapman, Hugh H. Finkling, J. H. Chapman, R. T. Bennett, E. T. Phillips, Philip Miller, Wm. H. Wren, and John C. Conner.

Second Lieutenant Frederick H. Corrie, to be Captain in the Marine corps.

John D. Smythe and Julius C. Shaffer to be second lieutenants in the Marine corps.

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